

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A system comprising:

a standalone portable device separate from a telephone and a computer and connectable to at least one of a telephone line or [[a]] the computer, the standalone portable device having:

a processor;

a storage coupled to said processor to store a first database with a plurality of records, each containing a telephone number, a name and other information; and

an application stored in said storage ~~that enables~~ to enable said processor to access the telephone number of a second party to an ongoing telephone call, search said first database for a record containing said telephone number, and display a name, telephone number and other information associated with said record on the standalone portable device.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The system of claim 9 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically initiate a search for information related to said record in a second database.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The system of claim 10 wherein said application includes instructions to transmit a search query and receive search results to obtain extended data related to said record in a database external to said system.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The system of claim 11 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically store said information in said first database if said information is found in said external database.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The system of claim 9 wherein said storage ~~stores~~ to store a user preference table that indicates a preferred search hierarchy among a plurality of databases.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of claim 9 wherein said storage ~~stores~~ to store a sequential listing of telephone numbers of outgoing telephone calls and caller identification information for incoming telephone calls.

Claims 15-22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method comprising:
receiving in a first system a search query for information associated with a second party during a telephone call, the first system comprising a portable device separate from a telephone and a computer and connectable to at least one of a telephone line or ~~[[a]]~~ the computer;
obtaining the information from the first system if it is present in the first system;
searching at least one remote source for the information if it is not present in the first system; and
providing the information to the first system from the remote source and displaying the information on the first system.

Claim 24 (cancel)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the information in a database of the first system.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 25, further comprising storing the information in a record in the database associated with the second party.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The method of claim 26, further comprising synchronizing the record with a stored record in ~~[[a]]~~ the computer coupled to the first system.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the telephone call in a call history in the first system.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, further comprising enabling a user to define a search path for searching a plurality of remote sources for the information.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 29, wherein the plurality of remote sources includes a remote service provider and the Internet.

Claims 31-37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended): The system of claim 9 37, further comprising a printer housed in the portable device.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The system of claim 9 37, wherein the portable device is coupled to the computer system to synchronize data between the first database and a memory of the computer system.

Claim 40 (new): The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is wirelessly connectable to the computer.

Claim 41 (new): The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is directly coupled to a service provider via the telephone line.

Claim 42 (new): The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to be powered independently of the computer.

Claim 43 (new): The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to extract the telephone number from the ongoing telephone call.

Claim 44 (new): The method of claim 23, further comprising powering the first system independently from the computer.

Claim 45 (new): The method of claim 23, further comprising extracting the telephone number from the telephone call in the first system.

Claim 46 (new): The method of claim 23, further comprising performing the method while the computer is powered down.